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ANSWERS TO ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ON BURMA

Supplement II

II. Trade and Industry

1. What is the state of equipment at Bawdwin mines?

There is no information available on the state of equipment at the Bawdwin mines except as indicated by the reported production plans. Extraction activities were resumed at the Bawdwin mines on a small scale during September 1952. The new joint corporation hopes to build production to 8,000 tons of ore per month with available equipment, once transport service is restored on a regular basis and training of indigenous labor by former Gurkha miners is completed. Eight thousand tons per month is the capacity of the smelter located at Nantun.

2. What is the extent of de-flooding at Bawdwin mines?

The water was pumped out of all except the bottom level (of 12 levels) of the mine according to a report dated August 1951. A report dated July 1952 agrees with this except that it indicates 14 levels.

3. What is the state of the transport system to Bawdwin?

Basic repairs on the Mandalay-Lashio rail line were completed in 1951, although interruptions are frequent due to insurgent activity. The Mandalay-Maymyo section is believed to be in operation.

4. What is the state of equipment at Mawchi mines?

There is no information available on this question.

5. What are the estimated stocks of ore left at Mawchi?

At the time the mine closed down because of insurgent activity (June 1949) there were about 400 tons of ore on the surface; this has all been stolen over the past three years.

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6. What progress has been made by the Burmese Government in the reoccupation of the Mawchi area?

As of August 1952, the Mawchi mine area was still in insurgent hands.

7. Has a new plant been built for the manufacture of caustic soda and chlorine?

Consideration was given (1948) to the construction of such a plant; there is no information which would indicate whether or not it has been built.

8. Has a new plant been built for the manufacture of sulphuric acid?

Consideration was given (1948) to the construction of such a plant with a 30-50 ton daily capacity; there is no information which would indicate whether or not it has been built.

9. What is the likely scope of MSA operations for fiscal 1953?

Beginning with Fiscal Year 1953, MSA operations in Burma were transferred to T.C.A. (Technical Cooperation Administration) by act of the US Congress. Programs totaling \$6,582,000 have been authorized for FY 1953, with the largest single share to be devoted to increasing rice production.

VI. Military Production Capacity

1. What are the present condition and scale of output of the TZ 45 arms factory at Victoria Lake, Rangoon?
What is known of plans for its future development?

There is no information available on this question other than that which was supplied in answer to question VI A of the original set of questions.

ANSWERS TO ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ON INDOCHINA

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II. Trade and Industry

1. What is known of the mining situation in Indochina in general?

The only information which is available deals with La Societe Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin, a firm which controls the most important coal resources of North Vietnam. Although extensive repairs have been undertaken and the company has almost managed to attain pre-war production figures, it has never completely restored the property. The uncertainty of the future has let the company to extract a maximum of profits with a minimum of investment capital. Hence, restoration has everywhere been on a minimum scale. Coal production has been quoted as being approximately one million tons per annum.

2. What is the mining situation along the north and northeastern frontier from Laokay to Dong Dang?

No more information than indicated above.

3. Are any of the tin-tungsten mines producing?
What mining methods are used?

In 1950 there was a very small production of tin; there was no tungsten produced. Nothing is known of the mining method used.

4. What are the present output and the capacity for manufacture of sulphuric acid, potassium chlorate, antimony sulphide, and any other products at the Viet Minh chemical factory at Thanh Hoa?

There is no information available on this question.

5. What are the present production and the capacities of the chemical factories at Mao-Khe, Danhim, Saigon, Cholon, and any others?

There are plans to provide for the production of 30,000 tons of ammonium sulphate per annum at Mao-Khe. There are also plans to provide for the production of 30,000 tons of calcium cyanamide per annum at Danhim Falls. There is no further information on either of these plants.

There is a factory at Cholon which operates five months a year and in July 1951 was producing 3,000 hecto-liters of pure alcohol per month. If the third set of Babcock and Wilcox boilers was put in operation, production would increase to 5,000 hecto-liters per month.

There is no other information available on this question.

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6. Is there a cement and lime plant at Hue in Central Annam, on the south bank of the River Song Hue about 1½ miles above the railway bridge?
What is its capacity?
What further details are known respecting it?

There is a cement work at Hue, Annam. The firm manufactures cement bricks, terra cotta, and balusters. Its manufacturing activities were reported to limited to processing about 150 metric tons of limestone per month (February 1949).

7. What is the likely scope of MSA operations for fiscal 1953?

MSA has earmarked \$30.5 million for the defense support program in Indochina during fiscal year 1953. Approximately \$25 million additional has been tentatively earmarked for economic aid projects in the fields of medicine, public health, agriculture, forestry, transportation, public works, public administration and industry.

The allocations above are in addition to direct military aid.

8. What is known of the Viet Minh budget, especially for defence vote?

There is no information available on this question.

VI. Military Production Capacity

1. What are the locations and output of any plants producing arms in Viet Minh territory?
What further details are known respecting them?

The following is a resume of various reports of unknown reliability and indicates some of the plants producing arms in Viet Minh territory:

<u>Plant and location</u>	<u>Output, if known</u>
a. Several Viet Minh munitions and armament plants at Ven Choi and Chine	Unknown
b. Factory 924 in village of Vovan (or Zovan), Thanh Hoa	V-2 type bomb
c. SKZ factory in the area of Thai Nguyen	a recoilless cannon
d. The 8 Branch Factory of the Ordnance Bureau of the Chinese Communist Army was moved from Kweilin to Chennankuan.	Unknown

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| e. Two small armament repair plants at Nam Giang, Camau | Monthly production of 70 pistols and 15,000 rounds of ammunition. Monthly repair facilities for 90 pistols and 15 machine guns. |
| f. Arsenal in the villages of Dich Nha, Dong Giac, and Gia Dien about 30 KM. NW of Thai Nguyen. Ashop at Bac Son has been incorporated into the arsenal. | Land mines, hand grenades, 6.5 caliber rifle, and fuses. |
| g. In these villages near Doan Hung, Phu Tho Province:
Duc Nghia
Sai Linh
Cao Son
Yen Kien | Large caliber gun barrel
Repair and mounting of heavy artillery
Production of mines and grenades
Repair of heavy artillery |
| h. In Tuyen Quang Province:
Bong, Yen Son District

Ngoi Khe, Trai Gui, Dong Kon,
Yen Son District
Kim Xuyen, Song Duong District | Production of rifle cartridges and mortar shells
Production and repair of light machine guns
Repair of rifles; production of mines and grenades |
| i. In the Viet Bac Interzone:
No. XK40, Tuyen Quang
No. XCK45, Hong Do, Southern Ha Giang
No. K30, Voi Phuoc mountain, near Lac Babe, Bac Kan
No. K26, near Lac Babe
No. KH25 (Phan Ding Phung) Linh Han, Dong Hi, Thai Nguyen
No. KA24, Binh Ca, Thai Nguyen
No. KVB, My Trang, Dai Tu, Thai Nguyen
"Ho Chi Minh", Nuoc Hai, Ha Giang | unknown
20 guns daily

2-4 SK3 guns daily

100-150 grenade shells daily
2 mortars daily

80 grenade shells daily
unknown

8 bazookas, 50 bazooka shells daily |

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j. In interzone III:

No. KIE, Chanh, Quang Dinh, Thanh Hoa	Shells and mortars
No. KHX6, Nga Son, Thanh Hoa	20 Stens and FII (sic) daily
No. KZX6, Hong Cong, Thanh Hoa	grenades

k. What are the locations and output of the principal factories producing explosives on Viet Minh territory?

There is no information available on this question.

l. Are armoured junks being built in Viet Minh coastal areas?
If so, where and how many?

There is no information available on this question.

m. What are the locations and facilities of shipyards at present under Viet Minh control?

There is no information available on this question.